

January 29, 2013

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Prince Edward County Career Technical Center, 1419 Zion Hill Road, Farmville, Virginia, on Tuesday the 29th day of January, 2013; at 5:30 p.m., there were present:

Board of Supervisors

William G. Fore, Jr., Chairman
Howard F. Simpson, Vice Chairman
Howard M. Campbell
Pattie Cooper-Jones
Don C. Gantt
Charles W. McKay
Jim R. Wilck

School Board

Russell L. Dove, Chairman
Osa Sue Dowdy
Harriett Fentress
Susan S. Lawman
Linda L. Leatherwood
Dr. Ellery Sedgwick
Thomas M. Tillerson.
Lawrence C. Varner

Absent: Robert M. Jones

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Dr. K. David Smith, Superintendent; and Cindy Wahrman, Division Director of Finance.

Chairman Fore called the special meeting to order as a joint meeting with the Prince Edward County School Board.

Chairman Dove called the School Board meeting to order.

Ms. Cindy Wahrman, Division Director of Finance, reviewed the Governor's Proposed Budget and summarized the anticipated FY14 budget challenges:

- Average Daily Membership (ADM) reduction
- State revenue decrease of \$219,173; Federal decrease of \$684,472 (sequestration & HS turnaround)
- Estimated health insurance costs increasing – expected 10% (\$152,390)
- Governor's proposed salary increase of 2% (\$333,190)
- Additional local-funded 2% salary increase (\$333,190)
- Requesting an increase in local funds of \$1,450,309 for the school system

Ms. Wahrman then reviewed the Federal Funding reductions.

Mr. Wade Bartlett, County Administrator, stated the reduction in state funding based on the ADM was approximately \$468,000; the overall decrease was approximately \$219,000, so the other items increased approximately \$249,000, which includes the salary supplement. He stated there has been a trend over the past five

years of the ADM decreasing. The expenses have not decreased, but state funding has decreased. He questioned if there have been mandates that have increased the expenses.

Dr. David Smith, Superintendent, stated there has been a big change in the composite index, which increased costs \$360,000; it is to be refigured next year. One of the big challenges is that the mandates are not slowing down. The state funding has decreased as they have shifted the responsibility to the localities. The long term trend from the federal government has been one of less funding. A \$90,000 decline is expected in Title I costs alone which is a significant part of the budget. As these revenues dwindle, services have to decline. Discussion followed on mandates passed down to the localities.

Dr. Smith reviewed a draft of a Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion followed.

Dr. Smith then discussed the Community Survey; a firm that specializes in Public Sector Surveys was contacted, and their proposal would develop a survey based on the needs of the School. Their specialists would meet with the representative group to target the needs of Prince Edward County, which goes back to the discussion in September 2012 regarding the assessment of the schools. The cost would be approximately \$35,000, which includes the development cost, the administration cost, mailing costs and all of the analysis and follow-up regarding how to deal with the concerns. Dr. Smith said if there is support for moving ahead with the development, a representative group from the Board of Supervisors and School Board, himself and Mr. Bartlett would meet with the specialist to ensure that the development of the survey aligns with the needs that were expressed in the fall. If the Board of Supervisors approves, the school board can move forward on that idea.

After some discussion, Supervisor Wilck made a motion to support development of a community survey by the School Board and to appropriate \$35,000 as set forth in the budget amendment as follows, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones; the motion carried:

Aye:	Howard M. Campbell	Nay: None
	Pattie Cooper-Jones	
	William G. Fore, Jr.	
	Don C. Gantt, Jr.	
	Charles W. McKay	
	Howard F. Simpson	
	Jim R. Wilck	

Absent: Robert M. Jones

In Re: Landfill Scale

Mr. Bartlett stated bids were received for the scale at the landfill; the lowest bid at \$60,000 is within the \$70,000 limit. In the budget amendment at the January – meeting, authorization to sign the contract was not approved.

Supervisor Campbell made a motion to authorize the Chairman and/or the County Administrator to sign the contract with the lowest bidder for the replacement of the scale at the County Landfill; the motion carried unanimously:

Aye:	Howard M. Campbell Pattie Cooper-Jones William G. Fore, Jr. Don C. Gantt, Jr. Charles W. McKay Howard F. Simpson Jim R. Wilck	Nay: None
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Absent: Robert M. Jones

School Board Chairman Dove adjourned their meeting at this time.

On motion of Supervisor Cooper-Jones and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Howard M. Campbell Pattie Cooper-Jones William G. Fore, Jr. Don C. Gantt, Jr. Charles W. McKay Howard F. Simpson Jim R. Wilck	Nay: None
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Absent: Robert M. Jones

the meeting was recessed at 7:50 p.m. until Friday, February 2, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.